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NODE DEVICE AND METHOD

FOR BRIDGING AND PRIVACY

AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated December 27, 2004 for the above-identified patent application, Applicants submit the following:

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